

REMARKS

Entry of this paper is respectfully requested.

Claims 1, 6, and 8-20 are presently pending and have been allowed.

Claims 1, 8, 9, 14, 15, 17 and 20 have been amended editorially for proper antecedents.

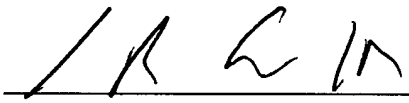
It is respectfully asserted that the aforementioned amendments are directed to formalities only and are not substantive. The aforementioned amendments do not require additional search or examination. These amendments resulted from a further review of the claims upon receiving the aforementioned Notice of Allowance, and therefore, were not earlier presented.

Should the Examiner have any questions or comments as to the form, content, or entry of this paper, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number below. Similarly, if there are any further issues yet to be resolved to advance the prosecution of this application to issue, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned counsel.

Respectfully submitted,

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